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Applicant(s): Elazar Rabbani et al.

Serial No.: 09/439,594

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For: DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF SPECIFIC
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION
(AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Joyce Tung

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COMMUNICATION

(DIRECTED TO APPLICANTS' MARCH 20, 2002 PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) TO
REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION)

Dear Sirs:

This Communication is directed to Applicants' Petition Under 37 C.F.R.
§1.137(b) that was previously filed on March 20, 2002.¹ A copy of their March
20, 2002 Petition is attached to this Communication as Exhibit A.

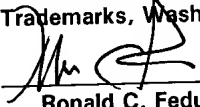
¹ A communication also directed to Applicants' March 20, 2002 Petition was previously filed on
February 27, 2003. On March 27, 2003, an assistant to the undersigned attorney telephoned
Group 1600 to obtain a status on this application. She was informed that the communication had
been forwarded to a different group (Group 2600), apparently because the serial number was
incorrectly listed on the first page of the communication as "08/439,594." The correct number,
09/439,594, was listed correctly, however, on all other pages. In order to expedite review of this
matter, the undersigned is filing this new communication with the proper and correct serial number
indicated on the first page. Any inconvenience caused by this oversight is regretted.

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As shown in the attached Petition (Exhibit A), Applicants filed their Petition on March 20, 2002 to revive this application. The Petition included the following exhibits:

Terminal Disclaimer	Exhibit 1
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 (In Response To The December 20, 2000 Office Action)	Exhibit 2

Also included in the copy of Applicants' March 20, 2002 Petition filing papers (Exhibit A) are the completed Express Mail Certificate Label No. EL 869104660US, the stamped and signed green return postcard, and the stamped white return postcard, the latter indicating that the Patent and Trademark Office received the papers on March 20, 2002.

In November 2002, the undersigned attorney's legal assistant telephoned Group 1600 to inquire as to the status of this application. The inquiry was prompted by the contemplated filing of several divisional applications that was carried out in the last couple of weeks in November 2002. His assistant was informed that this application was pending.

Since last year, and based upon the aforementioned telephone conversation, Applicants filed several divisional applications and they also filed several papers in connection with this application, including the following:

Information Disclosure Statement	January 22, 2003
Supplemental Amendment To Applicants' March 20, 2002 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115	January 28, 2003
Second Information Disclosure Statement	February 7, 2003

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On this date, the undersigned telephoned Examiner Joyce Tung, Group Art Unit 1656 (Telephone 703-305-7112) to inquire about this application. He was informed by Examiner Tung that the PTO computer showed that this application was still abandoned and had not been revived. A follow-up call to the clerk of Group 1600 confirmed the abandonment status of this application.

In view of their March 20, 2002 Petition (Exhibit A), Applicants respectfully favorable action thereon so that further examination of this application can proceed.

No fee is believed due for this Communication, the sole purpose of which is to seek pending status for this application. In the event that any fee or fees are deemed due, however, The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for any such fee(s), or to credit any overpayment thereto.

Favorable action on this Communication and Applicants' previously filed March 20, 2002 Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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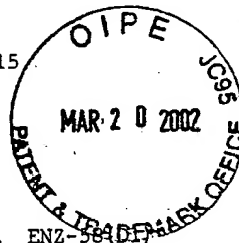
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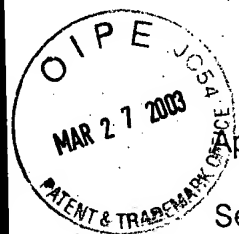
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.115 (In Response To The December 20, 2000 Office Action) in the above-identified patent application. The claim fee* has been calculated as shown below:

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* Small entity status was previously established and is still applicable.

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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

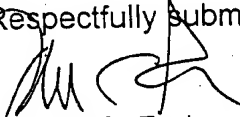
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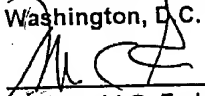
Also enclosed: Petition To Revive An Unintentionally Abandoned
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